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Layne Admits 'Dumping'; College Ends Garden Play

By Vincent Harding

Floyd Layne, the College's last basketball hero, is now in jail.

Late yesterday afternoon this one remaining idol, about whom the entire college had rallied a few days before, confessed that he too had accepted the bribes of gambler Salvatore Sallazzo to fix three games.

Shortly after Layne was called out of a class by detectives, the Beaver basketball season came to an abrupt and unexpected end, as Pres. Harry N. Wright announced that the College's intercollegiate basketball activities would be suspended for the rest of the season.

This announcement cancelled the two remaining games at Madison Square Garden with Manhattan College and New York University.

Garden Confab

Late last evening Mr. Ned Irish, promoter of Madison Square Garden basketball stated that the Madison Square Garden Board of Directors had conferred on the matter of, "whether any college basketball should be played at the Garden in coming seasons." No decision had been reached at the caucus.

Mr. Irish stated that the college had reneged on its contract in withdrawing from the Garden. He refused to comment on the advisability of this actoin.

Coach Nat Holman was not at the College when the two newest breaks in the situation came. He had accompanied his sick wife to Mt. Sinai Hospital. At 11 last night he made his first statement on the new developments. In an evidently strained voice he said, "This is the hardest thing I ever had to swallow. Picking up Layne was horrible." The coach indicated that he was in complete agreement with the decision to end this season's play and added, "Coaching basketball under that situation was no pleasure."

Reveals Money

Late last night Layne nervously led detectives to his home in the Bronx and revealed one of the most unusual hiding places yet discovered. In the dirt of an unpretentious green flower-pot the last member of 1950's Wonder Five had hidden 2,890 dollars of his bribe money.

Although Layne confessed to taking money for fixing the Missouri, Arizona and Boston College games, he was booked last night for "Accepting 3,000 dollars from Tarto Sallazzo and Edward Gard as a bribe to lose, or try to lose, or limit his team's margin of victory, in the amateur basketball game,"

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Prof. E. Hartley Goes to Germany

Prof. Eugene Hartley (Psychology) will be flown to Munich Germany tomorrow on a military air transport in regular "Mission to Moscow" style.

Professor Hartley will officially leave as an employee of the Columbia University Bureau of Applied Social Research to do research work for the United States Air Force on better methods of Air Force interviewing.

"As a research technician", Pro-

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Job Chances Not Hurt By Bribes: Ryan

By Cyril Koch

A Campus survey of job experts on and off the campus has shown that no ill effects regarding employment will arrive from the basketball scandal.

Mr. John F. Ryan, Placement Director at the College, expressed the view that only three persons are involved in the incident and it would be rather unlikely for employers to frown upon the entire student body. If generalizations are made, Mr. Ryan added, thousands of students at other colleges in the metropolitan-area would be in the same position, which, he reiterated, is highly improbable.

Mr. Inghram of the Engineering Employment Service located at 217 Broadway, said that each prospective job-seeker would be taken as an individual, on his own merits.

Dean Allen of the School of Engineering said that job opportunities for engineers would in no way be affected by the affair. In fact, he asserted, the demand for engineers, at present, is far greater than the available supply.

A representative of the Executive Service Corporation at 19 West 44th Street stated that you can't hold all students responsible for the misdeeds of a few. However, he added that the administrators of the school must take corrective measures to show good faith.



Layne's confession precedes Wright's announcement.

Players Receive Letters; Hoop Fans Remain Loyal

By Myrna Rosenkrantz

The "grand slam boys" who were the idols of millions of kids just a few weeks ago have not been completely erased from the hearts of the public.

Kids who formerly placed their entire allegiance in basketball stars Ed Roman, Al Roth, and Ed Warner have not lost faith due to the scandal. They will always be remembered as being great basketball stars.

Before the scandal broke, Ed Roman had been receiving thirty to forty letters a week, asking for autographed pictures. One letter from a boy of eight requested NIT, NCAA polo shirts for his club. "You see" he said, "My club thinks your team is one of the best. In

fact it is." While still another has been writing to Eddie asking him advice on playing center. Both Ed Warner and Al Roth had received similar notes of request.

Since the basketball scandal, the boys have received scores of letters.

Always Great

Al Roth has been receiving mail, all with a similar meaning behind it, "you'll always be a great star in my book." One fellow expressed his feelings for both Roman and Warner by saying, "Not even a hundred gamblers can erase those wonderful games you both played. The agility, the feinting, and those terrific hook shots will always be remembered by my team."

Committee Plans Investigation Of Convent Avenue Traffic

Within the next few weeks, an investigating committee from the City Traffic Commission's office will be at the College to investigate the possibility of either closing Convent Avenue to through traffic or changing the position of the light to overhead, or of adding another light across the street.

The Traffic Commission is under the jurisdiction of Manhattan Borough President Robert F. Wagner, Jr.

At a meeting with Traffic Commissioner Lloyd Reed, Mr. Delaney of the 30th Precinct, and other police department officials, the Student Council Traffic Committee was told that no action could be taken until an investigation of the problem had been held; however, the point was made, that as long as the students show disregard for the lights and the crosswalks now, any further traffic precautions will undoubtedly meet with similar treatment.

The students should remember however, said Delores Schwartz '53, chairman of the Committee,



Robert F. Wagner

that the lights and lanes are specifically for their benefit, and should be considered as such, and regarded as safety factors, and not as decorations to make the campus more scenic.

Peace Fears For Future Of Athletics; Numbed College Says 'Not Layne!'

By Gabriel Gelb

A college community already numbed by previous bribery and game "throwing" disclosures heard late yesterday afternoon that newly-appointed co-captain Floyd Layne was involved and that, as a result, President Wright had suspended the NYU and Manhattan basketball games.

Concern that the latest fix developments "does not prejudice the case for continuance of intercollegiate athletics as an integral part of college life" was voiced by Dean James Peace Student Life.) Dean Peace told of how Layne was picked up for questioning.

Taking notes in his Hygiene 35 class at about 2:45, Layne was



Dean James S. Peace

asked to step outside. There he was met by two detectives from the office of District Attorney Hogan. President Wright's announce-

ment was made about an hour later after consultation with other college officials.

Hurried interviewing of students and faculty produced these comments: John Cotter '51, "I don't think it's too surprising that another player has been picked up... there's probably more to come." Prof. A. K. Burt (English): "It's another tragedy—for the boys and girls, for all of us, at City College."

Almost exerybody expressed shock—"Not Floyd Layne!" exclaimed Estelle Pilelsky '52 on hearing the news. "That's the one thing I didn't want to see happen—that boy a part of it," were the first words of Prof. John Yoh-

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All Opinions Expressed in the Editorial Column Are Determined by Majority Vote of the Managing Board

4 Instead of 3

It is so. Floyd Layne, newly elected co-captain, of the grand slammers has also confessed to lining his own and the gambler's pockets.

Now instead of three it's four. The shock and the shame are naturally great.

The College had been moving toward a stability after being rocked by the exposure of the downfall of the triple gods. It was searching, probing and finally understanding.

We were coming to the realization that the College too was guilty; and while individual responsibility was paramount, the College was also responsible. It was admitted that any solution would have to entail a thorough overhauling of varsity athletics at the College.

The students rallied. Uptown, thousands jammed the Great Hall to hail the new team, and the downtown students were no less fervent in their ovations. A record number of students bought tickets to the Lafayette game, laying their belief in the future of the College's basketball team on the cashier window line.

Then yesterday, the conferences began. Deans were absent from their offices. They were not even available for "no comment." Floyd Layne was called from his class. The entire basketball team was called into Pres. Harry N. Wright's office. They came out with scowls on their faces. The news was released.

President Wright's statement is a cold, formal explanation. "... decided to suspend intercollegiate basketball activities for the remainder of this present season. . . . In view of the more recent developments and further disclosures by the District Attorney, it is felt that the College no longer should continue to meet its scheduled obligations in the present atmosphere of uncertainty and suspension."

Why discontinue? Because instead of three, it's four.

The College and the team had been hailed for bouncing back; for proving that three dishonest players did not constitute a whole team or represent a whole college. But President Wright's statement is a thinly disguised admission that now we don't know who will next be arrested by the police; who else has been corrupted. And the shame that briefly had been dispelled wraps us again like thick, cloying cotton.

THE CAMPUS too feels the shame anew. But we do not change our previous stand. We brought them to the College and threw them bones. We put them in the Garden, and took our share of the till. We gloried in them when they were good. When they became champs—we became champs. THE CAMPUS will not forget the College's duplicity in the bribe scandals.

We still believe the players should be reinstated.

We reiterate that the game of basketball should be returned to the students, and played only for them, their friends and alumni.

We believe that basketball should not be dropped indefinitely. Next term, under new conditions—even if they mean fielding a lesser team—basketball should be resumed.

The commercialization by the College, not only of the game, but of the players, must stop. They must not be used to support an entire athletic program. The College is a public institution. If that public believes varsity athletics to be important to academic training, it—the City of New York—should support an athletic program. If the money is not forthcoming and if the students want an athletic program, then they should be willing to pay for it. No one yet gets something for nothing. And certainly honor and pride are not easily gotten, or cheaply purchased.

PKB Elections

Eight seniors and recent graduates of the College have been elected to the college's Phi Beta Kappa chapter; it was announced yesterday by Richard B. Morris, president of the chapter.

In addition, Samuel Middlebrook, associate professor of English at City College, has been elected an associate chapter.

The newly elected members are:

From the Class of February, 1951: Leonard S. Abrams, Albert Kopeinig, Milton Kovner, James Anthony, Stanley Zerlin.

From the Senior Class: Ren-taro Hashimoto, Burton S. Kendle, Andrew Martin.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

It seems that everyone has suggested a remedy for the current basketball mess. Those who would condemn the "fixers" have found it rather easy to heap critical abuse upon them. Wouldn't it solve our problem, though, if we could string them up on our flagpole and shout to the outsiders, "See how we take care of our criminals!"

As a former sports editor of *The Campus* and one who saw The Four come up as basketball embryos, I've got a word to say on the score, too.

I remember Edde Warner, Floyd Layne, Al Roth and Eddie Roman when they came up as freshmen and astounded a homecoming crowd by almost beating the varsity, but for the grace of Bobby Sand. I remember Roman sitting down and crying when he fouled out of his first freshman game. I remember how most of us agreed that the basketball team was the best thing that ever happened to the College. Above all, I'll never forget the ecstatic feeling we had as we sat on top of the basketball world last March.

Today we call The Four traitors; we condemn them because they "double crossed" us, and because of this, we call them "vermin."

But what did we do to them? Jimmy Cannon hit it right when he wrote about it last week. All of us—sports-writers, cheerleaders, Allagarooters (Mr. Jerry Jacobson, included) and students in general acclaimed them as idols, while the City College of New York (Harry N. Wright, President), placed them on display in Madison Square Garden.

The Whirlwind was apparently too fast for The Four. Up in a territory called the Borscht Circuit (or is it Circus?), owners of resort hotels, through contacts, put them up for purposes of entertainment and the guests were notified that The Whiz kids were to perform.

In the Borscht Circus, players are taught to bet on themselves, they are taught to manipulate the total points, they are exposed to gamblers (a la Sollazoo) more than at the Garden. The emphasis is placed on picking up that bundle of cash that will see them through the following year. As Max Lerner so aptly put it—the emphasis is on the buck, the symbol of security.

When they were freshmen, they were clean, so to speak. When they got on the varsity, we caught hold of them and looked to the basketball team to glorify the name of City College. And they came through.

That "The Four" are guilty cannot be denied. A suspended sen-

Discount Scientific Method As Solution to World Crisis

By Aida Mason

"The scientific method is not applicable to the crisis of today; we must use reason," stated Prof. Henry Magid (Philo.) at a panel discussion yesterday afternoon.

Prof. William Etkin (Bio.) was the other lecturer, and Prof. Oscar Zeichner (His.) the moderator at the second of the "World in Crisis" series entitled "Methodology: Value and Limitation of the Scientific Method." The panels are sponsored by Hillel and are held every Tuesday at 3 in 306 Main.

In answer to Professor Magid's

statement that scientific method can be applied only to theory, not to practice, Professor Etkin said that theory "just plays a role in science while practice is the scientific method."

Professor Etkin believed that when deciding upon a purpose our future guides us; however, his fellow participants felt that our goals are initiated by past experiences and traditions.

Professor Magid said that when there is considerable conflict about a goal or goals, agreement should be reached in one of two rational ways: through persuasion or compromise. "At times," he said, "definite agreement upon a goal is not important, because if definite means are decided upon and used, the ends works themselves out."

Referring to the compromising of means, Professor Etkin added that if we could get people to have experience working together to solve specific problems, irrespective of abstract probability, people would agree on means more quickly.

Because of illness, Professor Harry Schulman (Soc.), scheduled as the third speaker, was unable to attend the panel.

Hartley Trip

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Professor Hartley said, "my job in Germany will be to collect information and statistics, to enable the form of future interviews to be as efficient and methodological as possible. There's nothing hush-hush about my work, but at present I just can't reveal the content of these Air Force interviews."

Leaving for Germany later by ship will be Professor Hartley's wife, Dr. Ruth Hartley, who taught psychology at the College day and evening sessions during World War II, and his two daughters, Lindy Ellen and Sue Ann, aged 8 and 10.

"Both now attend Hunter College elementary school," Professor Hartley proudly admitted, "thus keeping the family in the same educational family."

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on January 11 between C.C.N.Y. and the University of Arizona."

The announcement which called an end to this season's hoop play was made at 3:30 yesterday afternoon. It came after a meeting in President Wright's office of several of the College's head administrators.

Suspend Basketball

The edict gave little explanation for the action as it stated "The City College of New York this afternoon decided to suspend intercollegiate basketball for the remainder of this season. In view of the more recent developments and further disclosures by the District Attorney, it is felt that the College no longer should continue to meet its scheduled obligations in the present atmosphere of uncertainty and suspension."

It was revealed by District Attorney Hogan's office yesterday that Layne confessed to receiving money for the same three games as the other players. Fixing the point spread on the Missouri game, he picked up 1500 dollars. He was paid 1,000 dollars to help lose the Arizona fray, and was promised an additional 1500 dollars to lose the Boston College game,



Dean Leslie Engler

but he never received it. Besides these sums he was given two bonuses of 250 dollars each to "sweeten things" during the Washington State and St. John's games.

A surprising turn of events came when Layne revealed that the four players had been asked to dump the December 25th Brooklyn College game, but they refused and won by 23 points.

No Replacements

Included among the administrators in today's policy making meeting were Dean Leslie Engler (Administration); Prof. Sam Winograd, faculty manager of athletics and Dr. Frank Lloyd, chairman of the Hygiene Department.

A disappointed Ned Irish, Madison Square Garden promoter, announced yesterday that there would be no replacements for the two games the College had cancelled. On March 1 and 6 the Garden will be closed.

LOST: Manila envelope of photographs of scenes in India; also packages of books addressed to persons in India. Liberal rewards.

G. Murphy Dept. of Psychology

College to See Theatre-in-Round At TW Production of 'Everyman'

By Ralph Haller

The Great Hall will become the ruins of a bombed out cathedral on the evenings of March 9, 10, and 11.

The occasion is Theater Workshop's modernized arena productions of "Everyman", the medieval allegory, which will be set amidst the Hall's massive windows, columns, and buttresses, with organ accompaniment.

Modern Version

Creating this new function for the Great Hall represents only one unique aspect of the current Theater Workshop production. "Everyman" marks the group's first venture into theater-in-the-round style. Director Wilson Lehr plans to stage the verse play in the center of the floor. Eight rows of seats in four sections will surround the set. Action will be confined not only to the raised arena stage in the center of the floor

Co-eds Finally Look at Selves

Mirror, mirror on the wall.

Who are the fairest of them all?

The College's co-eds, of course, now that mirrors have been placed in the women's locker room in South Hall.

Shakespeare may have said "Vanity, thy name is woman," however, the women here have disproved this. Ever since women have been at the College they have quietly suffered. One mirror, approximately 9 x 6 1/2, served all the girls passing through hygiene courses at South Hall.

At the beginning of last term a quiet campaign was started by two reporters (female) of this paper. With the able assistance of Miss Hamm, Hygiene Dept., and a platform of patience, the women have won out. Mirrors arrived at South Hall during intersession.

The Cast:

Lyle Winter God
Egon Dumber Death
Rita Lloyd Beauty
Don Madden Five Wits
Featured players: Zelta Bennett, Stanley George, Robert Morea, Irina Gsovskia, Aristides Gazetas, George Matousek, Stanley Milstein, Marcia Scheinholz, Ignatius Mercurio, Joan Olner, and Myron K. Weinberg.
Producer.....Myron K. Weinberg

he has committed during his lifetime and his visited by many of his friends impersonating various virtues and vices. Everyman's struggle for redemption represents man's universal aim to live an honest and rewarding life through religion.

Tickets for all three performances are now on sale at the rear of the Cafeteria and in 220A Main at fifty-cents each.

Dance Off

This year's gala Beat N.Y.U. Rally and Dance, scheduled for Friday night at Army Hall, has been called off, Alpha Phi Omega and the Allagarooters, sponsoring groups, announced last night.

Refunds for those who have bought tickets are available from Mr. Jackson in 120 Main, or from the Allagarooter who sold the ticket.

Lounge to Get Art Work; Clubs Leave \$1,273 in Fees

A total of \$1273.65 from last semester's Student Activities Fees appropriations has been returned unused to the Central Treasury according to a statement issued by Mr. Lewis Jackson, Central Treasurer of Student Activities. The money will be added to this term's Activities Fees and assigned to the College's clubs and organizations.

The total expenditures during the last term amounted to \$10,250.04, \$9,044.13 of which has already been spent. \$955.91 has been contracted for but not yet paid out.

Dramsoc returned \$100, the largest single sum. An additional \$143 was returned by the College's four political organizations, the Young Republicans, Liberals, Progressives and Democrats. The Young Democrats, spending fifteen of the 51 dollars which they were allotted, was the only club to use any of its funds.

The Student Faculty Fee Plan Committee meets tomorrow to allocate this semester's fee plan grants.

Knittle Lounge will soon have an exhibition of art work done by College students as part of a program to improve the appearance of the Lounge.

The art work, which consists mainly of watercolors and oils, was chosen from a large collection by the Art Department under the supervision of Mr. Jacob Rothenburg (Art).

The paintings, the majority of which are street scenes, abstractions, and still-lives, were done by recent graduates.

Some of the former students, whose work will be shown, are Richard Kraus, Renee Epstein, Harold Shenke, Sam Salant, Marvin Freedman, Joseph Besser, and Huntly Brown.

The paintings which are to be framed and hung in Knittle Lounge will be there on indefinite loan.

The Art Department always has a display in room 416A on the work being done by students in the courses being given.

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Swimmers Beat Jaspers in 42-32 Upset

Captain Joe Browdy Scores In Last Game for Beavers

By Jerry Jacobson

Carrot-topped Joe Browdy, the lean, angular captain of the College swimming team, wound up his varsity career yesterday in a splash of glory, scoring fifteen points to lead the water-borne Beavers to a 42-32 upset victory over Manhattan in the Hygiene Pool.

It was the natators last dual meet of the season and brought their final record to three victories and six defeats.

Browdy, an engineering major who graduates in '52 but has no eligibility left after this semester, took first place in three races, the 100-, 220-, and 440-yard free style events. It was the only triple victory of the season in Lavender competition.

Jet-propelled Joe took the 100 by a touch from Manhattan's runner-up, George Gross, and the third-placer, Bob Huie of the Jaspers.

Beavers Take 8 of 9

Beaver diver Milt Baltas also outdid his best previous effort of the season by scoring 85.75 points to annex the one-meter dive.

In all, Lavender mermen won eight of nine first places, the only Jasper victory registered in the al event, the 400-yard free style relay.

Coach Jack Rider shifted Irwin Brandes into the free-style spot on the 300-yard medley to save Moe Silberburg, regular free-stylist in the medley, for the individual races. Although the medley combine of Norm Klein, back stroke, Ralph Young, breast stroke, and Brandes won their race, Silberburg failed to score. The relay's time, 3:22.5, fell far short of the record-breaking 3:16.5 mark established by Klein, Young, and Silberburg two weeks ago.

Klein, sophomore flash, and senior Young, a business major, took second place scoring honors for the Ridermen, each with five points and a share in the medley relay's five tallies.

Freshmen Excel

The Beaver freshman swim team made Coach Rider's happiness complete by taking two special yearling events, held in conjunction with the varsity meet.

In a 200-yard free style relay for freshmen, Baby Beavers Fred Vicedomini, Joe Jamrog, Pete Worms, and Jay Glat clocked 1:49.5 to annex the event.

Lavender frosh Norm Moscovitz, back stroke, Jack Steiner, breast-stroke, and Glat, free-stylist, won the 150-yard frosh medley relay special in 1:31.7.

Beaver football coach Irv Mondshein was an interested spectator . . . Mr. William O. Frankle, popular hygiene instructor and Allagatorooter faculty adviser, timed the events . . . Matt Chambers was referee and starter . . . Harvey Taubes, Beaver swimming manager, performed his usually fine job announcing, scoring, and press stewarding.

Linda Valentine, guard on the women's basketball team, tried in vain to get into the meet . . . Manhattan showed up without swim suits, hence the meet was limited to male spectators . . . Linda was crestfallen.

The varsity summaries:
300-yard medley relay—Won by City (Norm Klein, Ralph Young, Irwin Brandes). Time—3:22.5.
220-yard free style—1, Joe Browdy, City; 2, George Gross, Manhattan; 3, Don Galligan, Manhattan. Time—2:29.6.
50-yard free style—1, Wally Scher, City; 2, Ted Green, Manhattan; 3, Marv Herman, City. Time 0:25.5.
One-meter dive—1, Milt Baltas, City; 2, Dick Zurkulew, Manhattan; no third.

Frosh Five Defeat St. Pete's, 75-67

By Sheldon Podolsky

Paced by Center Vinnie Zoda, who seems to improve with every game, the freshman basketball team stopped St. Peter's of Jersey City, 75-67, Monday on St. Pete's home court. It was the freshmen's season finale.

Zoda's 19 points was high for the Baby Beavers, but St. Peter's Finn took the game's high scoring honors with 25.

Sperling Appeals For Racquetmen To Maintain Team

For the want of a few tennis players, another varsity sport may have to fold up. Tennis Coach Doc Abe Sperling has only one returnee from last year's team, and if he doesn't get a large turnout of newcomers, he will not be able to field a squad.

Anyone with some ability will be welcomed at Nick's Armory, 141st Street and Fifth Avenue, any Monday afternoon. The Doc wants you, so come with a racket and a pair of sneakers and get set for a banner season.

Loc has produced top-flight teams consistently for the past few years, winning the Metropolitan Championship two years ago.

Reactions

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hanan (English). "Layne's defections . . . hit me harder than anything in the fix scandal yet," said Allen Lehman '51.

Many thought that Layne should have admitted his actions earlier. "I think that Layne should have admitted accepting bribes when Roman, Warner and Roth were picked up," said Kurt Ottenheimer '55. He also thought that "President Wright was definitely justified in suspending basketball."

The last sentiment was echoed by Irving Hahn '51 who said he "feels that the officials who took this action had the best interests of the school at heart." However, Marjorie Levy '53 felt that the action "is evading the issue. Because of the four boys the whole college should not suffer . . . we must have confidence," she said.

Prof. Stuyvesant Van Veen (Art) thought that the money given up by the admitted game throwers—\$15,000—should be used for scholarships for athletes . . . It's turning bad money into good." He felt the boys should be given another chance for "the only people they committed a crime against were the gamblers not in with the fixers."

Winner's points—85.75.
100-yard free style—1, Browdy, City; 2, Gross, Manhattan; 3, Bob Huie, Manhattan. Time—0:58.6.
200-yard back stroke—1, Klein, City; 2, Jim Boland, Manhattan; 3, Hans Kasu, City. Time—2:42.3.
200-yard breast stroke—1, Young, City; 2, Bob Cody, Manhattan; 3, Martin Cody, Manhattan. Time—2:45.0.
440-yard free style—1, Browdy, City; 2, Galligan, Manhattan; 3, Dick Schuster, Manhattan. Time—5:54.7.
400-yard free style relay—Won by Manhattan (Gross, Dick Korny, Huie, Green). Time—3:57.5.

Manhattan Tix Refund

Refunds for Manhattan-City game tickets will be made Thursday afternoon from 12 to 4 in the Army Hall Basement, opposite the Canteen. (Refunds on block-plan N.Y.U. tix at same time.)



Sport Slants

Still Proud, City College?

By Larry Gralla

Good morning, City College. How are you this morning? Not too well, you say? Take it in stride. Another day, another scandal . . .

Hardly had the story of Floyd Layne's arrest and confession caromed around the narrow hallways of City College last night when the possibilities of the situation began to carom around some of the even narrower City College minds. Did you get a leaflet on the way to class this morning? Did it say "Reinstate Floyd Layne?" Today the petitions are going around again. Now they say "Reinstate the four players and jail the gamblers." Don't forget to sign one, City College. The dear, innocent, gambler-corrupted, vice-lured "boys" need your help.

But leave the tops of the petitions blank. So when this mad dream is all over you can write in "the six dear boys," or "the eight dear boys," or whatever it comes to. Here's hoping it stays at four. Not that it really makes any difference. For those who had any personal contact with the team, Floyd's confession last night was a mortal blow—it ended all hope that anything might be salvaged for the future from a once-great tradition. Because those who know Floyd Layne could more easily have believed that Nat Holman was in on the fix. Last night they were forced to swallow Floyd's confession. It was a large and bitter pill, and it stuck fast in a good many throats.

It's too bad our College fathers have chosen to cancel the two remaining games. Nat could name Ed Chenetz as a new co-captain and the Beavers would probably rip Manhattan. How would you like that, City College? You'd probably parade downtown and circle the Times Tower in screaming thousands, chanting "We Beat Manhattan" and calling for the score until New York's Finest Cossacks dispersed you like the rabble you are. Then, if D.A. Hogan didn't further decimate your hoop squad before the N.Y.U. game, you'd make this Lavender-Violet tilt the biggest blow-out of them all.

Let's take a look at the situation, City College. You worked hard to get good players here and your coaches worked hard to make them great. Your players worked hard, too, and they brought you a fabulous achievement. You basked in the reflected glory of their great Grand Slam. It was a two-way proposition. They brought you the talent. You gave them the training. They brought home the bacon. A deal. Fair and square.

Then they double-crossed you. They sold you out to someone who was a higher bidder. So what did you do? Did you treat them like the double-crossers they are? No. You rushed to their defense howling with hatred for gamblers and sympathy for your "three dear boys." You couldn't stand to have this great pride in your basketball team taken away. So you gathered together what was left of your team, cheered them in Great Hall and packed the Garden to show that you were still proud. You paraded to Times Square shouting praises of Floyd Layne. Today Floyd is in jail.

Okay, City College. Where do you go from here? Will you still retain your pride? Will you still refuse to admit your guilt? Will you still act like paper mache saints by forgiving and hoisting when you should condemn and confess?

You're as guilty as the men who double-crossed you, City College. Why not admit it?

Tom Woods, 123-Pounder, Shows Beaver Matmen How

Two years ago this month, a scrawny College sophomore, Thomas William Woods by name, embarked on his varsity wrestling career by getting himself pinned to the Ursinus College mat. He hasn't lost since.

The Beavers have engaged in thirteen dual matches since that February afternoon in 1949, but Tom Woods' worst showings since that defeat have been a pair of tied bouts.

Now a senior, Woods owns a string of seven victories in seven contests this season, pinning five of his victims.

Besides compiling an outstanding dual-match record, the blue-eyed, crew-cut grappler has won four medals in amateur competition, taking third place in both the state senior and metropolitan junior championships last year.

Tom's achievements take on colossal proportions when he tells you about the obstacles he encountered on the way to success on the mat.

Before coming to the College, Tom never competed in any organized sport. He was graduated from John Adams High in Queens, and still lives in Richmond Hill, an hour away from St. Nicholas Terrace as the subway flies.

According to his teammates, the fellows he practices with almost daily, Woods wins because he is strong, fast, and smart. "When those arms and legs of his wrap around you," relates Vito Pizzuro, Beaver heavyweight, "they feel like bands of steel cutting into your body."

Big Vito, a powerful 205-pounder who sports a good record himself for the season, swears it took him two years to pin little Woody, who

tips the scales at 123 pounds.

When he took third place in the metropolitan junior and state senior AAU competition last March, his only defeats in both contests came at the hands of Jack Fogarty, Hofstra's runner-up in the national championships last year. The Lavender faced Hofstra in the second match this season, and Woods met Fogarty in the opening bout.

It was touch-and-go throughout the furious first period, with both wrestlers scoring near-falls. But with less than a minute left in the second stanza, Woody worked his favorite hold, the reverse figure-four, to pin Fogarty and gain his biggest thrill in wrestling.

This Saturday, Woody will attempt to extend his victory string in the Beavers' final match of the season, against Gallaudet in Washington D. C. Jerry Jacobson

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